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In September 1953, it became known that as of 1 January 1954 Derunapht, the Russian liquid fuel distributing agency in East Germany, would be merged with DHE Kraftstoffe und Tineralöle (DHE KuM). Plans are now being formulated which will define the exact form of the organization. 1/

It is believed that the merged office will continue to be called DHE KuM. Personnel currently employed by Derunapht at tank depots and service stations will probably retain their jobs. Administrative employees from both offices, however, will probably be fired as an economy measure.

It is thought that the Russian director of Derunapht, Staradumov (fnu), will be transferred to the Russian Trade Mission in East Berlin following the merger.

1/ [redacted] Comment. The forthcoming merger will reunite under one administrative office the tank depots and service stations which were split between DHE KuM and Derunapht in 1952. At that time in order to eliminate duplicate functions, installations were divided between the two organizations on a geographic basis, each received roughly an equal share of all East German liquid fuel production.

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